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Dear Nandan

Subject: Unique ID Project

Congratulations on this new assignment that you have taken up!

The National ID project is an idea whose time is long overdue and in my opinion one of the most important and transformational projects that this country is embarking on post independence!

I would like to suggest the following as you plan out your approach towards this project –

1. The architecture of this project/platform must be an open one – into which various applications/engines can plug in and use. This will reinforce the idea of this National ID/Database being eventually used by many user ministries and agencies of the Government.
2. The architecture must not be vendor specific – and indeed the implementation of this over several years should plan for and allow multiple Systems Integrators and Solution Providers to work simultaneously as part of the construction of this, i.e. platform openness and extensibility should be a key architecture objective.
3. The early version of your proposed architecture should be made available for consultation openly and transparently with industry, vendors and user agencies – thus addressing any future concerns and questions of vendor bias/or incompatibility etc.
4. The commercial contours should be a 'pay as you use' model, where the Government benefits from the vendors investing in the infrastructure and being paid out over the long term (akin to other infrastructure financing models like NHAI etc). This will also put less direct budgetary pressure on the Government in terms of the financing needs for this important and critical project.



I trust that these suggestions could form a set of first principles for this project and look forward to engaging with you to about the progress of the same.

Wishing you a very successful tenure.

Very truly yours,



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